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Note verbale dated 28 September 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith two copies of the action plan adopted by the national expert workshop for the legislative incorporation of the universal instruments against terrorism and transnational organized crime, which was held in Antananarivo from 30 August to 1 September 2005 (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of Madagascar would be grateful if the Secretary-General would bring the recommendations of the workshop to the attention of the General Assembly, under agenda items 106, 107 and 108, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 28 September 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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National expert workshop for the legislative incorporation of the universal instruments against terrorism and transnational organized crime

Antananarivo, Republic of Madagascar
30 August to 1 September 2005

Action plan

The participants in the national expert workshop,

Considering the international obligations of the Republic of Madagascar under Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and the conventions and protocols for the prevention and suppression of terrorism,

Considering that the Republic of Madagascar has already ratified 10 of the 12 universal instruments against terrorism,

Considering the ratification by the Republic of Madagascar of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three protocols,

I. Hereby recommend to the Government of the Republic of Madagascar that it take the following measures:

1. Deposit, at the sixtieth session of the United Nations General Assembly, the instruments of ratification of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three additional protocols, in order to take part in the forthcoming Conference of States Parties;

2. Begin the ratification process for the following two instruments:

   - Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation, 1988;

   - 1988 Protocol to the 10 March 1988 Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf;

3. By the end of 2006, incorporate into domestic law the offences and related provisions established by the universal instruments against terrorism and the United Nations Convention against Transnational Crime and its three protocols, on the basis of the legislative reform proposal drawn up at the present workshop and contained in annex I;

4. Transmit the supplementary report of the Republic of Madagascar to the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council and the reports to the Security Council Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1540 (2004);

5. Consider the Research Department of the Ministry of Justice as the national focal point for monitoring the implementation of the universal instruments against terrorism and of this action plan and, in conjunction with the Department of Multilateral Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for drafting the reports due to the Security Council Committees established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001) and 1540 (2004);

6. Participate at the highest level in the Third Conference of Ministers of Justice of the African Francophone Countries, to be held in Dakar from 3 to 5 November 2005, and in the Moroni subregional workshop of member States of the Indian Ocean Commission on strengthening judicial cooperation in criminal matters, to be held from 28 to 31 November 2005;

II. Request UNDCP to:

1. Organize in Antananarivo from 22 to 24 November 2005, in cooperation with the International Monetary Fund and Interpol, a national training workshop for magistrates and the competent law enforcement services in applying the above-mentioned instruments;

2. Organize a specific national training workshop on extradition and mutual judicial assistance;

3. Provide technical and material assistance for the publication, reproduction and dissemination of the amended version of the Penal Code incorporating the above-mentioned instruments into domestic law;

4. Train specialized national counter-terrorism experts and teach them how to disseminate the expertise thus acquired at the national level, including to the National Judicial College, the National Gendarmerie College, the National Police College and all other relevant colleges;

5. Provide appropriate equipment and expertise to the Ministry of Justice with a view to raising public awareness in Madagascar about combating terrorism in accordance with the rule of law, inter alia, through video or television footage and video conferencing;

6. Facilitate the translation and dissemination of UNDCP guides and manuals for the implementation of the above-mentioned instruments in order to ensure better monitoring and effective action against terrorism and transnational organized crime;

III. Request the competent governmental authorities to bring this action plan to the attention of the Security Council and the sixtieth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.